



RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

together with the report

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR 1966

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the
Annual Report on the health of the people of our District and upon
the work of the Health Department for the year 1966.

In the field of employment busy conditions prevailed in the earlier part of the year, with very low unemployment registers. In July the Chancellor of the Exchequer made certain adjustments to the National economy, and the effect of these began to be felt in Rugeley in September. There was little short time working, but a gradual increase in the totally unemployed. Some of this was accounted for by intervals of unemployment, as labour moved from one job to another.

No cases arose during the year, which required the use of Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1947 for compulsory removal of aged and infirm persons to Institutional care. Such cases are becoming less common as domiciliary services for the aged are now widely established, and it is unlikely that anyone in need would escape the notice of the social security, welfare, and health officers, whose duties cause them to be out and about on the district.

The figures which comprise the Vital Statistics
are satisfactory, both as compared with previous years, and with
the National average figures.

Births were up and deaths were down on the previous year, and the natural increase of the population was 326 as compared with last year's 278.

The birth rate at 27.1 is half as great again as the National average and this sort of level has been maintained for the past four years now.

The still birth rate was below the National average figure. This figure is most satisfactory, and this is the third year in succession that low figures in this important index of public health have been achieved in this town. They are of course, substantially less than those prevailing up to comparatively recently.

The infant mortality rate was above the National average, but the total figure was small, just 13 actual deaths. With such small numbers a few deaths more or less makes a large difference to the rate. The deaths in this group are of the "inevitable" type - babies born so prematurely as to have little chance of survival, or affected with congenital abnormalities which are incompatible with life.

A preponderance of the infant deaths this year was due to respiratory infections, and it is to be borne in mind that respiratory virus infections are not controlled by antibiotics or chemotherapy. Until effective treatments for such conditions are developed there is not likely to be any dramatic improvement in the mortality rate.

There were no maternal deaths for the 11th year in succession.

There were 128 deaths in the District, giving an actual death rate of 7.75.

These actual figures are modified by the comparability factor to enable comparisons to be made with districts with populations of different age and sex structure, and when this is done the figure which emerges for Rugeley's comparative mortality rate is 11.7.

There was nothing unusual in the individual causes of death. Nearly half of the deaths were due to diseases of the heart and vessels, and most of these occurred at advanced ages. Cancer was the second commonest cause of death, but at 17.18% of the total, a long way behind, i.e. it caused one death in six. Bronchitis was certified as the cause of death in 7.81% of cases but many of these too were at advanced ages, when it may be difficult to decide which of a constellation of degenerative changes actually determines death. The number of deaths from accidents remains fairly constant from year to year at about 5%.

There was one isolated case of food poisoning during the year. Investigation of contacts failed to produce evidence of wider spread.

Five cases of dysentery were notified, one of which was confirmed bacteriologically.

The cases occurred sporadically in different parts of the Urban District, and at different times of the year.

There was no apparent connection between them.

Measles was prevalent (142 cases).

The cases occurred mostly in June in the form of a wave which began in May and was over by October.

Eight cases of whooping cough were notified.

It is to be expected that this figure, small as it is, will be improved upon in the future, as most children now receive immunisation against this disease early in the first year of life.

There were no cases of diphtheria, and no cases of poliomyelitis.

Three new cases of tuberculosis were notified, and four established cases were transferred into the district.

However these additions were balanced by one death, one transfer out, and by five patients who were cured.

At the end of the year the number on the register was 46.

Routine checks on water supplies, and upon food stuffs were carried out throughout the year.

Laboratory reports on water were uniformly satisfactory and those on food showed only some minor deviations from required standards.



During the year the Council built no houses or bungalows.
210 houses and bungalows were erected privately.

The Annual Report provides occasion and opportunity to give thanks to the staff for friendly co-operation and pleasant relationships at work, and to the Members of the Authority for their interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. WEBSTER.

Medical Officer of Health.



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SECTION ASTATISTICS AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS

Area of District 2,882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population 16,500
Rateable Value£536,980
Sum represented by a penny rate £2,261. 3. 2.
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1965 5,253

LIVE BIRTHS.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	204	232	436
Illegitimate	10	8	18
TOTAL	214	240	454

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 27.51

Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births 3.96

Area Comparability Factor:-

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is 0.90. This Factor x Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of .. 24.75

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales 17.7

LIVE BIRTHS.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Legitimate	262	265	249	258	314	342	383	398	410	436
Illegitimate	14	4	10	7	13	6	26	14	12	18
Birth Rate per thousand estimated resident population.	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	3	3	6

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births 13.04

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births
(ENGLAND & WALES) 15.4

STILL BIRTHS

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Legitimate	10	7	8	5	7	9	9	5	6	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births	34.96	25.36	29.96	18.87	21.40	25.86	21.53	11.99	16.31	13.04

DEATHS

Nett deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers :-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
71	57	128

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 7.75

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case 1.51. This factor x Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of 11.7

Death Rate of ENGLAND & WALES 11.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY

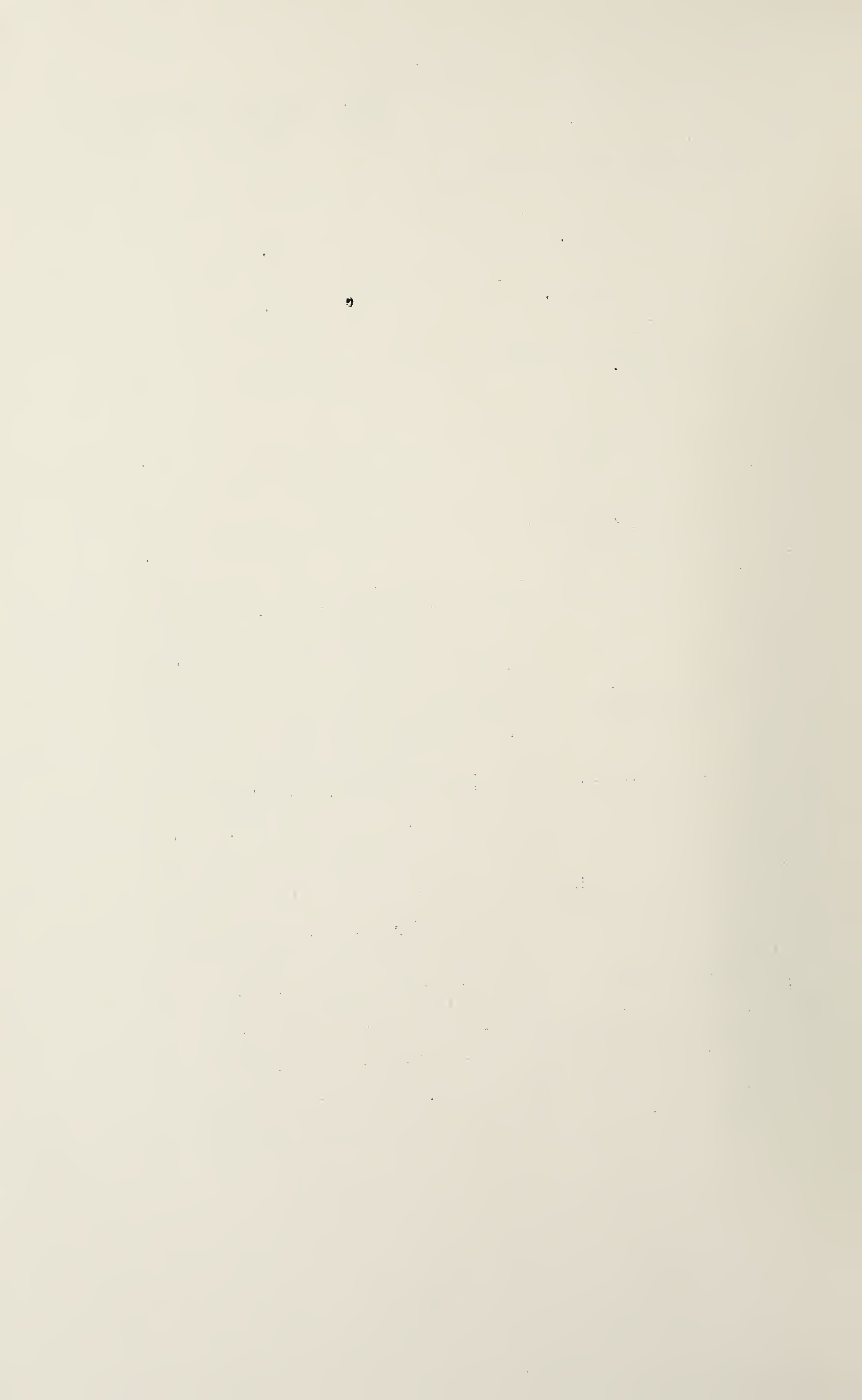
Rate per 1000 live and still births

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rugeley</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Maternal Causes (excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.01
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.00
	-	0.00	0.01
	(6)		

INFANT MORTALITY

	<u>Actual Deaths</u>	<u>Rugeley Rate</u>	<u>England & Wales Rate</u>
<u>Deaths under one year of age:-</u>			
All infants per 1,000 live births	13	28.63	19.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate births.	13	29.81	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate births.	0	0.00	
Neo-Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).	5	11.01	12.9
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).	4	8.81	11.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births).	10	21.73	26.3

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo-natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months - 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year of age.
Prematurity	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	6
Acute gastro enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Atelectasis	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Respiratory Insufficiency	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Poisoning - Misadventure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	4	-	1	-	5	3	1	2	2	13



The estimated population, birth rate, Infant Mortality Rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years as follows :-

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Population	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500
Birth Rate	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51
I.M. Rate	43.47	40.09	23.17	27.13	27.52	25.97	21.76	21.11	30.80	28.63
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	9.55	9.48	8.77	7.74	8.69	13.69	8.03	7.00	9.08	7.75

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1965	% of Total Deaths in 1966
Heart Disease	20	13	33	30.55	25.78
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	12	12	24	11.80	18.75
Cancer	12	10	22	18.05	17.18
Bronchitis	8	2	10	4.86	7.81
Accidents	3	3	6	4.86	4.68

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1966

								Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases				..	..		-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..		..	..		2	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus				..	..		3	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..		..	..		-	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..		..	..		-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms				..	..		7	5
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..		..	..		12	12
18.	Coronary Disease, angina	..	..	..	..	..		13	10
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..		..	..		1	-
20.	Other Heart diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3
21.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..		..	..		1	5
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1
23.	Pnuemonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2
25.	Other Diseases of respiratory system				..	..		-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and Duodenum	..	..		..	..		-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..		..	..		2	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..		1	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..		1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..		..	..		-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..		-	4
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..		..	..		5	4
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..		2	1
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..			-	-
								71	57

NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Births	276	269	259	258	314	342	409	412	422	454
Deaths	109	111	104	94	113	131	115	106	144	128
Natural Increase	167	158	155	164	201	211	294	306	278	326
Estimated Pop.	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Scarlet Fever	5	-	1	5	-	-	1
Measles	-	202	-	229	76	199	142
Whooping Cough	4	15	3	29	27	-	8
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	5	-	34	17	3	1	5
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE GROUP

	Dysentery	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Food Poisoning	Whooping Cough
Under 1 year	1	4	-	-	1
1 "	1	15	-	-	1
2 "	1	20	-	-	-
3 "	-	24	1	1	1
4 "	-	23	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	48	-	-	5
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	2	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	8	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
<u>NEW CASES</u>											
Pulmonary	8	5	6	6	-	-	5	2	5	2	6
Non-Pulmonary	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1
TOTAL	10	6	7	6	-	1	5	3	5	3	7

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st December, 1966 was 46

The Distribution was as follows :-

	Pear-tree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward.
Pulmonary	13	2	3	12	11
Non-Pulmonary ..	1	1	0	2	1
Total	14	3	3	14	12

<u>Additions to Register</u>								<u>PULMONARY</u>
No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL								6

<u>Deletions from Register</u>								<u>PULMONARY</u>
No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL								6

<u>Additions to Register</u>								<u>NON PULMONARY</u>
No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL								1

<u>Deletions from Register</u>								<u>NON PULMONARY</u>
No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTAL								1

CANCERS

There were 22 deaths from cancer, 4 less than in the previous year. The following table shows the trend over the last ten years.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Deaths	24	13	16	17	26	10	13	15	26	22
Population	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500
Rate per 1,000 of the population	2.10	1.11	1.33	1.40	2.00	1.39	0.90	0.99	1.64	1.33

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 36th Annual Report, dealing with the work carried out in my department during 1966.

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer.

There is no sewer available in Wolseley Road (part), Etching Hill (part), and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows :-

HEDNESFORD ROAD

2 premises (Farms)

FORTESCUE LANE

1 premise with W.C. to Septic Tank.

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA

44 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

ETCHINGHILL AREA

158 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
2 premises with privy middens.

SLITTING MILL AREA

13 premises to a private sewage disposal installation .
32 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
18 premises with pail closets.

SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

FORTESCUE LANE

4 premises with W.C.'s to Septic tanks have been connected to the Council's new sewer.
1 premise with a pail closet and cesspool has been converted to the water carriage system and connected to the Council's new sewer.

BRERETON AREA

1 premise with W.C. to Septic Tank has been connected to the Council's sewer.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no private swimming baths or pools in the area. The Council have two paddling pools.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE - The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, normally once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the Tip.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS ETC - This is conveyed from the premises in a cesspool emptier. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 186 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1957 UNFIT HOUSES

UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 13 houses were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation :-

159	Main Road, Brereton	Undertaking
1	Redbrook Lane, Brereton	Demolition Order
22	Albion Street	" "
24	" "	" "
26	" "	" "
30	" "	" "
32	" "	" "
20A	" "	" "
1	Rose Cottages, Brereton	" "
2	" " "	" "
3	" " "	" "
4	" " "	" "
27	Station Road	Closing Order

HOUSES DEMOLISHED DURING THE YEAR

The following 21 houses were demolished within the district during the year.

9A	Market Street
11	" "
13	" "
15	" "
17	" "
38	Bow Street
40	" "
1	Redbrook Lane
26	Elnore Lane
28	" "
30	" "
32	" "
34	" "
	Brereton Hall Cottage
7	Armitage Lane
8	" "
9	" "
10	" "
11	" "
12	" "
13	" "

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme the tenants of the following 8 houses were rehoused during the year :-

3	Western Springs Road
5	" " "
7	" " "
9	" " "
11	" " "
30	Albion Street
191	Main Road, Brereton
1	Lion Street.

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1966

The following 16 houses (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation :-

2	Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961 Demolition Order.
	Threadgold, Love Lane, 22nd February, 1953, Undertaking.
	Scragg, Coalpit Lane, 18th April, 1962, Demolition Order.
33	Lichfield Street, 19th June, 1963, Closing Order.
84	Queen Street, December, 1963, Clearance Order.
159	Main Road, Brereton, Schedule of Works Submitted.
16	Sheep Fair, Undertaking to Demolish.
18	" " " " "
20A	Albion Street, 1st June, 1966 Demolition Order
24	" " " " " " "
26	" " " " " " "
1	Rose Cottages, Brereton, 24th August, 1966 Demolition Order
2	" " " " " " " "
3	" " " " " " " "
4	" " " " " " " "
27	Station Road, 8th November, 1966 Closing Order

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1966

The following 45 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders, or Undertakings not to relet :-

1	Lion Street, Undertaking
	Late Whittaker, Love Lane, 27th October, 1952. Closing Order
9	Market Square, 18th April, 1956. Closing Order
11	" " 21st November, 1956 " "
41	Elmore Lane, 19th November, 1958 " "
	Merrick, Coalpit Lane, 20th October, 1960. Closing Order
	Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st December, 1960. " "
	Smith, " " " " " " " "
3	Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961. Demolition Order
	Molineux' House, Glovers Hill, 22nd November, 1955. Undertaking.
28	Market Street. Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme.
30	" " " " " " " "
22	Albion Street, 1st June, 1966 Demolition Order
30	" " " " " " " "
32	" " " " " " " "
26	King Street, December, 1963. Clearance Order
28	" " " " " " " "
86	Queen Street, " " " " " "
88	" " " " " " " "
90	" " " " " " " "
92	" " " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1966 (cont.)

96	Queen Street,	December, 1963.	Clearance Order.
98	"	"	"
100	"	"	"
189	Main Road, Brereton,	8th December, 1964	Demolition Order.
191	"	"	"
193	"	"	"
195	"	"	"
1	Emerys Buildings, Armitage Lane,	8th December, 1964	Demolition Order.
2	"	"	"
3	"	"	"
4	"	"	"
5	"	"	"
6	Lower Birches Farm House,	3rd April, 1954.	Undertaking.
42	Horse Fair,	Undertaking.	
10	Forge Road,	Closing Order.	
5	Crossley Stone Terrace,	10th August, 1965	Undertaking.
9	"	2nd September, 1965	"
11	"	10th August, 1965	"
3	Western Springs Road,	3rd December, 1965	Demolition Order
5	"	"	"
7	"	"	"
9	"	"	"
11	"	"	"

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954 Discretionary Grants.

No applications for discretionary grants were received during the year.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 Standard Grants.

Thirteen applications were completed during the year. The grants paid totalled £1,860.3.2. for the completed work and the cost of the work involved was £3,843.8.10.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958.

During 1966 advances for house purchase was made in 56 cases.

Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 148 as follows:-

HOUSING ACT, 1957

Section 85. Overcrowding 2

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 & 1961.

Section 17.	Blocked drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 45.	Defective closet accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Section 83.	Cleansing of premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	68
Section 93.	Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Section 93.	Animals causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Noise from motor cycles	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Noise from club premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Smoke nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with: 532 as follows:-

Food Hygiene Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	217
Obstructed drains cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Drains amended in construction	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Water closet basin renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99
Animals improperly kept	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Cesspools repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Burst water piping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dirty houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Caravans causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Smoke nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for: Houses-let-in-lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or Lodgings and accommodation for Hop-pickers. There are By-Laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district. There are By-Laws for the control of markets and also there are By Laws in respect of the business of barbers and hairdressers.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Up to the 31st December, 1966 a total of 136 premises had been registered under the above Act. The premises comprised the following types :-

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>No. persons employed</u>	<u>No. of inspections during the year.</u>
Offices	36	146	36
Retail Shops	81	429	81
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses.	3	9	3
Catering Establishments	15	77	15
Fuel Storage Depots	1	3	1
TOTALS	136	664	136

NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS.

No accidents were reported during the year.

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

Cleanliness	1
Overcrowding	0
Temperature	3
Ventilation	0
Lighting	0
Sanitary Conveniences	4
Washing Facilities	3
Supply of Drinking Water	1
Clothing Accommodation	5
Sitting Facilities	8
Seat (Sedentary workers)	0
Eating facilities	0
Floors, passages, stairs	6
Exposed machinery	0
Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	0
Prohibition of heavy work	0
First Aid	6
TOTAL	37

SCHOOLS.

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill schools have chemical closets and sink waste is drained to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Mains.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the district which are contrrollable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises where filling materials are used in the manufacturing of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 2,752.

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty $498\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Of this 77 hours were spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips etc., $312\frac{1}{2}$ hours were spent at private houses, canal bank, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 109 hours were spent on either rechargeable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

HOUSING.

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTION

- | | | |
|-----|---|-----|
| (1) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts | 358 |
| | Number on Inspections made for that purpose | 380 |
| (2) | Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 | 290 |
| | Number on Inspections made for that purpose | 290 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation .. | 13 |
| (4) | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 217 |

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 217

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957.

- | | | |
|-----|---|----|
| (1) | Demolished as a result of Clearance Orders (Section 42.) | 5 |
| (2) | Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17.) | 16 |
| (3) | Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force | 0 |
| (4) | Parts of buildings closed (Section 18) | 0 |

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 3 0

(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 10 and 11 0

(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957 closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17 0

REPAIRS

- (a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts, houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80
(2)	By local authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

- (b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957, houses made fit after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
(2)	By local authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There is a caravan site for 12 caravans and four individual caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding and the site of each caravan are as follows :-

Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. R. Gater, Love Lane, Rugeley, (12 caravans).
Mrs. E. Preston, 70 Peakes Road, Etching Hill, Rugeley.
Messrs. Judkin & Jones, Market Street, Rugeley.
Mr. M.J. Clay, Slitting Mill, Rugeley.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT.

Wet Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Combined Fruit, Vegetable and Wet Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dutchers Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
General Shops for Sale of Sweets, Grocery, Fruit and Vegetables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Cake Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fruit and Vegetable Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
School Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Public Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Chemists	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Works Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Private Clubs etc	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10

2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS.

(a)	For the preperation or manufacture of cooked meats etc	..	..	14
(b)	For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix	..	..	0
(c)	For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix	..	..	0
(d)	For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers	..	..	50

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

(a) Meat. Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.

(b) Other Foods. Tins pierced, jars etc., broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tip.

4. It has not been found necessary to examine any special consignment of stock of food during the year, except food damaged by a fire at one of the shops. Mostly on request for examination by the provision merchants the following were found to be unfit for human consumption :-

16 tins frozen liquid egg, 131 tins soup, 453 tins fruit, 72 tins fish, 71lb wet fish, 461 tins tomatoes, 216 tins meat, 87 tins peas, 16 tins carrots, 124 tins beans, 1 tin sponge pudding, 4 tins mustard, 8 jars beetroot, 7 tins sausage, 121lb sausage, 791lb butter, 201lb lard, 341lb tea, 201lb sugar, 21pkts sugar, 19 bags flour, 12 tins custard powder, 30 bags rice, 9 bottles coffee, 11 tins coffee, 10 tins horlicks, 20 jellies, 70 jars jam, 6 tins mushrooms, 36 pkts dried fruit, 18 pkts salt, 16 pkts stuffing, 6 bottles vinegar, 12 bottles sauce, 36 bottles gravy browning, 12 pkts pepper, 28 pkts beef stock, 13 pkts cheese, 281lb cheese, 5 pkts curry, 49 pkts mixed herbs, 4 jars peanut butter, 5 boxes cocoa 8 jars pickles, 23 tins rice pudding, 10 tins spaghetti, 6 tins mixed vegetables, 62 tins milk, 49 pkts cakes, 13 bread loaves, 53 pkts cereal, 64 jars meat paste, 1,526 pkts chocolates and sweets, 3 pkts cream crackers, 3 pkts rusks, 25 pkts biscuits 361lb fresh fruit, 43 pkts frozen fish, 57 pkts frozen vegetables, 10 pkts frozen meat, 241lb fresh vegetables, 3 bacon hocks, 221lb bacon, 1 tin treacle, 16 tins baby food, 35pkts dripping, 6 pkts crisps, 151lb black pudding, 601lb currants.

5. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS. 1947-52.

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district by either hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955, AND FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year legal proceedings were taken in the following cases:-

<u>FOOD</u>	<u>FOREIGN BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID BY MANUFACTURERS IN COSTS/FINES</u>
Meat Pie	Mould	£10. fine. £6.6.0 Costs.
Bread	Pencil in same	£10. fine. £6.6.0 Costs.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	157	65	7	637	241	0
Number Inspected	157	65	7	637	241	0
<u>All Diseases ex- cept Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	40	2	3	5	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	11	1	6	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	3.82	78.46	32.32	1.41	2.06	0
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	0	0	1	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	3	0	0	3	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	8.91	6.15	0	0	1.66	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

The condemned figures are on the high side because A. Parker & Sons Slaughterhouse is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order. The cattle and cows with Tuberculosis were all under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER'S YARDS
Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 62

There are two slaughterhouses and one Knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows :-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane,	Owner - A. Parker & Sons Ltd.,
Slaughterhouse, Horse Fair,	Owner - Astbury Ltd.,
Knacker's Yard, Leathermill Lane,	Owner - A. Parker & Sons Ltd.,

SLAUGHTERMEN
Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933 & 1951

The following is a list of persons licensed to slaughter or stun animals in slaughter-houses and knacker's yards.

Mr. A. Astbury,	Holly Lodge, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. E. E. Upton,	Wolseley Road, Rugeley.
Mr. G. Parker,	Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. P. Parker,	Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. A.E. Chinnock,	35, Armitage Road, Rugeley.
Mr. R.W. Wallbank,	7, Mossley, Rugeley.
Mr. J.K. Rosser,	43, Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.
Mr. F. Southwell,	4, Leathermill Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. K.A. Hollins,	32, Ravenslea Road, Rugeley.

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply :-

ANALYST'S REPORT

pH Value	.. .. .	7.2
		Parts per million
Total solid matter dried at 212° F	.. .. .	329.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	.. .. .	Nil
Albuminoid	.. .. .	0.012
Nitric Nitrogen	.. .. .	1.5
Chlorine present as Chloride	.. .. .	68.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80° F	.. .. .	0.25
Appearance - Clear and Colourless		
Metallic contamination	.. .. .	Copper 0.1

REMARKS: - This water is chemically of satisfactory quality, no abnormal taste was detected.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT :-

Probable number of coliform bacilli	-	Nil per 100 ml.
Probable number of bact. coli. (Type 1)	-	Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929

Licences were granted subject to the licenses~~es~~ complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations:-
The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair, Mr. A.Manton	..	..	500 gallons
Garage, Brereton Road, Messrs J.Edwards & Son	..	..	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Messrs. J.S.Pendlebury & Son	..		2000 gallons
Garage, Anson Street, C.J. Sargeant	..	.. ..	1000 gallons
Garage, Bees Lane, Messrs. J.Edwards & Son	..	.. ..	1300 gallons
Garage, Market Street, Rugeley Motors	..	.. ..	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Mr. S. Cubley	..	.. ..	7500 gallons
Garage, Armitage Road, Lea Hall Garage	..	.. ..	6000 gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane, Messrs. M.A. & C.J. Whieldon	..		1000 gallons
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	..	.. ..	500 gallons
Electronic Products, Ravenhill	..	.. ..	500 gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd.	..	..	750 gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	..	.. ..	40 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardson Transport	..	..	9000 gallons
Petrol Service, Springfields Estate, Richardsons Transport			12000 gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	..	.. ..	1000 gallons
Midway Service Station	..	.. ..	9000 gallons
Imperial Garage, Armitage Road	..	.. ..	12000 gallons
Pear Tree Garage, Hednesford Road	..	.. ..	5000 gallons
J.R. Hindley & Son Ltd., Wharf Road,	..	.. ..	1000 gallons

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The deposit and lead peroxide gauges were first put into operation in 1954. The following results were obtained :-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Solid Deposit</u> <u>Monthly Average</u> <u>Tons per sq. mile</u>	<u>Sulphur Dioxide</u> <u>Daily Average</u> <u>mg. of S.O.₂</u> <u>Collected by 100 sq. cm.</u>
1954	12.11	1.00
1955	9.63	1.01
1956	8.98	0.87
1957	7.73	0.77
1958	8.85	0.84
1959	7.56	0.91
1960	8.31	0.86
1961	10.28	0.77
1962	8.48	0.99
1963	9.58	0.85
1964	13.55	0.92
1965	14.09	0.61
1966	15.49	0.62

You will notice that during the thirteen years the sulphur dioxide has decreased and the deposit of solids has increased by one quarter. In view of the fact that since 1954 you have had a large power station, a new colliery, several factories, and over 2200 houses built, the present figures look reasonable compared with the 1954 figures.

FACTORY ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS For Purposes of Provisions as to Health.

Premises (1)	Number of Inspections			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by the local Authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	46	50	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' Premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	46	50	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	To H.M. Inspector. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ..	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable	3	3	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	4	-	4	-

3. OUTWORKERS - Nil.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
J.T.G. CRADDOCK,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

